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THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital 1,000,000
Subscribed Capital 500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman.
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
W. Wotton, Esq.,
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON.

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,
Palmer & Co.
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Buttery &
Co.
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallam.
GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

Intimations.

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the Chamber of the Hon. Secretary, 18, Bank Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at 4.15 P.M. to discuss, and, if approved, adopt the following Amendment to Rule 5: "Candidates elected after 10th June in any year shall only be liable for half subscription for that year."

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1892.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd August, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1892.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 22nd of August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors:

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1892.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of THREE PER CENT. (One Dollar and Fifty Cents per Share) for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1892, will be paid to those Persons who are registered as Shareholders in the above Company, on MONDAY, 15th August, 1892.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 15th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1892.

THE SELAMA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALL HOLDERS OF TRANSFERS OF SHARES.

In the above Company are requested to send them in to the Undersecretary together with the SCRIP therefor at ONCE, and notice is hereby given that no Shares will be TRANSFERRED nor TRANSFERS accepted after the 15th August next.

Dated the 25th July, 1892.

W. HUTTON POTTS,
Liquidator.

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PUNJON & SUNGHIR DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALL PERSONS holding SCRIP in the above Company are requested to send them in to the Undersecretary together with the TRANSFER therefor at ONCE, and notice is hereby given that no Shares will be TRANSFERRED nor TRANSFERS accepted after the 15th August next.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1892.

Intimations.

THE SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

APPLICATIONS for the post of SECRETARY, which will be VACANT towards the end of the year, are invited. A thorough practical knowledge of FIRE and MARINE Business is necessary.

Singapore, 14th July, 1892.

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SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local companies.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.

No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED 1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable as any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL & RESERVE FUND 600,000

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W. BREWER.

THE Snows of Tibet through China, by Prati.
Peeps into China, by Reid.
De Hanoi & Pekin—Rambaud.
Moore's Diseases of India.
A. B. C. Codes.
Moray & Bigge's Mechanical Engineering.
Thompson's Dynamo Electric Machinery.
Carlyle's Freemasonry.

W. BREWER.

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1892.

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

M.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,

PROPRIETOR.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NEW FRENCH NOVELS.

M. Paléologue—L'Art Chinois.
Georges De Peyrebrune—Le Roman D'un Bar-Bleu.
Ferdinand Fabre—Sylviane.
Georges Ohnet—Le Maître de Forges.
Abel Hermant—Ermeline.
Gustave Flaubert—Salammbo.
Jean Remy—L'Amour d'Annette.
Adolphe Belot—Mademoiselle Girard.
Fortune Du Boisgobey—Argus.
Guy de Maupassant—Clair De Lune.
Paul Bourget—Un Coup De Femme.
do.—Sensations D'Italie.
do.—Monsieur De Saverie.
Jules Mary—Deux Innocents.
Abel Hermant—Serge.
Jean Remy—La Vie Brutale.
Paul Marguerite—Le Châssier Blanc.
L. Roger-Milard—La Cité De Misère.
Henri Monnet—René Piron.
André Valdes—Les Trésors Des Valcées.
Alphonse Allais—Vive La Vie.
George Bonnamour—Régis.
Madame Caro—Fruits Amers.
Dubut De L'Isle—Le Comte-Voyageur.
Georges Regnal—Vendredi Treize.
Francis Chevrassu—Les Parisiens.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1892.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STAFF LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HÔTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cooking being under experienced supervision.

T. E. BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty, and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjacent the Hotel, and is under the same Management.

THE WINE & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LD.

SHIPCHANDLERS, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS, & COMMISSION AGENTS.

AMERICAN REVOLVERS, WINCHESTER CARBINES, ENGLISH FOWLING

PIECES and AMMUNITION, STAR SAFETY RAZORS, MANDARIN RAZORS,

RODGERS' HOLLOW GROUND RAZORS, &c.

WALTHAM WATCHES, GOLD FITTED CASES, ROLLED GOLD CHAINS, BINOCULARS,

ANEROID BAROMETERS, AMERICAN CLOCKS, all at cheapest rates.

AERATED WATERS 3 dozen for \$1. AERATED CLARET at 20 cents per dozen.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.,

14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1892.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

SEASON 1892-3.

FIRST SHIPMENT HAS NOW ARRIVED

Lane, Crawford & Co.'s special "EXTRA FINEST" quality in 1 & 2 lb. BLUE TINS.

Also

"FINEST" quality in 7 lb. tins.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1892.

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land, by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,

the 15th day of August, 1892, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 30th July, 1892.

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 15th day of August, 1892, at 4 P.M., by order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Executor of the late W. F. SHARP, to sell by Public Auction (unless previously disposed of privately), at their Office, French Band, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 17th August, 1892, at 11 A.M.,

THE WELL-KNOWN IRON SCREW

S. S. "ELLA."

Classed as (for river purposes only), now running on the Yangtze between this and Hankow.

Dimensions 19' x 26' 6" x 19'.

Height between decks 7' 6".

Gross Register 774, under deck 680, net 510 tons.

She was built in 1870, by J. SCOTT & SONS, at Inverkeithing, and Engine by the same firm.

Cylinders 20" and 36". Length of stroke 27".

Boilers Multitubular. Capacity of Boilers 75 tons. Consumption of Fuel per 24 hours 64 tons Japan coal.

She has a very good carrying capacity, viz. 1,230 tons measurement or 675 tons dead weight.

Exclusively of Baggage, and first-class accommodation for 10 passengers, second-class 100 and third class 250.

Her average speed is 9.6 knots per hour.

Draught of water under 13' aft and 10' forward.

Draught of water light 9' 6" aft and 4' forward.

Lloyd's Surveyor reports in December last—Boilers in good order and condition. The ship was docked and painted in March last, new crank shaft fitted in November, 1891, when she was thoroughly overhauled.

According to her capacity she has remarkably small consumption of coal.

TERMS OF SALE.

The Steamer will be sold with all faults and errors of description, without any allowance for any defects or deficiency whatever.

One half of the purchase money is to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the transfer, to be made within four days (or sooner, if agreed by the seller and purchaser) failing which the first payment to be forfeited.

The vessel to be at the risk of the purchaser as soon as knocked down. Should the purchaser fail to complete the purchase the steamer will be sold for his account either by Public or Private sale, and any deficiency will be claimed from him.

No one shall be allowed to retract his bidding.

All bids to be made in Taels of Shanghai Sycee.

All expenses of transfer to be borne by the purchaser.

The vessel may be inspected on the 2nd, 3rd, 12th to 16th August.

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LIMITED.

CHEMISTS, &c.

INDIAN CIGARS.

It is not long since the only INDIAN CIGAR obtainable was the long, rank, saltpetered "TRICH," but within the last few years the introduction of European capital and European business methods have been employed with most satisfactory results. Messrs. SPENCER & CO.'s factory at Dindigul is a model of what a well appointed Cigar Factory should be, and their products are winning appreciation wherever introduced. We are appointed Agents and have received a first consignment of their most popular brands.

"GOLD MOHURS."

These are manufactured entirely of picked Dindigul Leaf, and are of medium strength. Boxes of 100—\$1.75.

"TORPEDOS" AND "BEACONFIELDS," are mild Cigars made of a mixture of Dindigul and Sumatra Leaf, and smoke with a Long White Ash, the flavour is like that of the best brands of Cuban Cigars.

Boxes of 100—\$2.75 & \$3.00.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1892.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

AERATED WATERS.

GINGERALE.
GINGER ALE.
LEMONADE.
LEMON SQUASH.
LITHIA WATER.
PHOSPHORIC CHAMPAGNE.
POTASH WATER.
RASPBERRYADE.
SARSAPARILLA.
SELTZER WATER.
SODA WATER.
TONIC WATER.

IN the manufacture of these Waters the purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness exercised throughout. The water used is subjected to a perfect system of filtration, daily examinations and periodically to searching chemical analyses so that absolute purity and safety are guaranteed.

FOR COAST PORTS.

Waters are packed and placed on board at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Emplies when returned in good order.

SUMMER BEVERAGES.

FRUIT CORDIALS.—Raspberry, Strawberry, Lime, Damson, Black Currant, Red Currant, Pine-Apple, Orange Plum, Morilla Cherry and Gooseberry.

FRUIT SYRUPS.—Lemon, Lime Juice, Raspberry, Strawberry, &c.

Prepared from genuine fruit juices imported by ourselves, they contain the full flavour of the sound ripe fruit, mixed with plain or Aerated Water, they make delightful summer drinks.

Agents for

MONTERRAT LIME JUICE & CORDIAL.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Ports, Sherries, Larets, Burgundies, Hocks, Champagnes, Brandy, Whiskies, Gin, Rum and Liqueurs.

A large selection of choice old brands. Full particulars and prices on application.

TOBACCO, CIGARS AND CIGARETTES.

A complete stock of all the best and most popular brands.

VIN DE QUINQUINA.

A medicinal wine AGREEABLE TO THE TASTE containing the valuable properties of Cinchona Bark combined with a choice brand of Red Wine.

Its powerful antifebrile qualities tend to ward off attacks of Malaria fever and to all convalescents it acts as a quick restorative and appetizer.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1892.

For Sale.

NOW READY.



(PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.)

"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LEST FOR THE FAR EAST"

FOR 1892.

THIS Valuable Work, with many NEW ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS,

IS NOW READY.

PRICE THREE DOLLARS.

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"Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Limited."

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"The Hongkong Trading Co., Ltd."

"Messrs. A. A. de Walle & Co."

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

THE EMPEROR WILLIAM IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, August 10th.

The Emperor of Germany has arrived at Cowes.

MURDER OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF TASHKEND.

Cholera and riots have broken out at Tashkend; thousands of houses have been pillaged, including the house of the Deputy Governor, and this official is reported to have been murdered; the troops were called out and fired on the rioters, killing sixty and wounding about one hundred.

[Tashkend is the chief town and military headquarters of Russian Central Asia, or Turkestan, in the province of Syr Darya with a population estimated at one hundred thousand. By last mail advice, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* says that a letter from Merv states that cholera was introduced into Russian Turkestan by fugitive Afghan nomads from the province of Herat, who endeavored to escape the epidemic, then raging in Afghanistan, by fleeing into Russian territory.]

THE HOUSE OF LORDS ON THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE LIBERALS.

August 9th.

The Duke of Devonshire stated that assurances were required that the Liberals would take no steps to evacuate Egypt without consulting Parliament.

Lord Hershell replied that his party would continue Lord Salisbury's foreign policy.

[Reuter seems to have forgotten that Mr. Gladstone's "no confidence" motion is now due, and would be of infinitely more interest than all the Dukes and Lords in creation.]

(From Manila Papers.)

THE COLUMBUS ANNIVERSARY.

MADRID, August 5th.

In Huelva has begun the festival of the commemoration of the discovery of America. The foreign squadrons are taking part.

FREE TRADE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The possibility of establishing free ports in the whole of Mindanao is under contemplation.

THE CHOLERA.

The cholera in Russia during July carried off 50,000 victims. In Paris last week 140 were attacked fatally.

THE STRIKES.

All the towns under state of siege on account of strikes have been released.

TYPHOON IN CHINA SEA.

We are indebted to the Spanish consul for the following information received by wire from Manila:—

MANILA, August 11th, 11.55 a.m.
Barometer 30.85, 29.80, 29.77, indicating probable depression in the China Sea.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An interesting letter from Macao, and a mass of other news, is unavoidably held over.

The Singapore autumn race meeting is advertised to take place on the 25th, 27th, and 29th October.

The Supreme Court is about to remove to the Masonic Hall during repairs, as may be seen from an advertisement in this issue.

At a meeting of Royal Ark Mariners last night Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gonnell was elected Commander. Mr. Bro. Grimbly treasurer, and Bro. Rauch Tyler.

The annual report of the Standard Life Assurance Company shows total assets £7,534,586; barometer 30.85, 29.80, 29.77, indicating probable depression in the China Sea.

As will be seen from our advertising columns, an athletic exhibition will be given in the City Hall on Saturday (20th), under the patronage of H.E. the Governor, Major-General Barker, Lt. Col. Jerrard, and others. Full particulars in a later issue.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the detailed report of the proceedings at the trial of Lieut. J. H. Hetherington, U.S.N., in the United States Consular Court at Yokohama, on the murder of George A. Coker, Boston.

The report is from the shorthand notes of the official stenographer (in English) courts so much thing is known, though it should be a recognized institution as in America. The report fills a book of over 300 pages, well got up and published at the *Box of Curries* office.

The German East African Plantation Company for the first time has imported coolies from China for its plantings. During the past year the company has made use of natives for working purposes, but as these natives will not work more than is absolutely necessary to earn a bare subsistence, so that an ultimate loss of 50 per cent. resulted from the plantation, work since 1887, the company is trying an expedient which will bring a change for the better. The importation of Chinese coolies to East Africa is therefore to be continued.

SAMUEL HARRIS, an ex-constable and ornament of the Hongkong Police Force, and Joseph Xavier, a Portuguese, were among the motley crowd at Mr. Wodehouse's *matinee* to-day. They were there to answer to the charge of disorderly conduct in U. Aun's boarding-house in Wanchai a couple of days ago. Detective Green, who prosecuted, said he had reason to believe the defendants had been going into shops lately and representing to the proprietors that they were sent to detect offences by the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Hugh McCullum, but would say nothing if small loans were made to them. Mr. Green asked (being pressed) last Saturday and subpoenaed for the Sanitary Inspector and several Chinese witnesses. He said that *Wodehouse* had been promptly granted. Prisoners, who couldn't find any bail, were removed to the prison cells.

A DENTIST of Moscow named Znamensky claims to have discovered a means of causing false teeth to grow to the gums as firmly as the ones nature provides, and it is asserted that he has performed several successful operations of this character, both on human and animal subjects, the animals used being chiefly dogs and cats. He is said to make holes in the teeth and also in the patient's jawbone. After this has been performed to his satisfaction the tooth is placed in the cavity. Within 24 hours a soft, granular, semi-fluid exudes from the jawbone and finds its way into the hole which has been drilled into the false tooth. This granulated growth soon hardens and holds the tooth firmly in position.

Mr. A. J. TRENDLELL'S "Colonial Year Book" is introduced this year by what seems to be the most striking statement Mr. Henderson-Heaton has yet made in favor of Imperial Penny Postage. Three points, Mr. Trendlell says, are not disputed: first, that Her Majesty's subjects are calling unanimously for this reform; secondly, that Imperial Penny Postage would have a most beneficial influence on British trade and the relations of the various parts of the Empire; thirdly, that no increased expenditure would be involved. He therefore, wants to know why it has not been carried out, and attributes the delay to the fact that the masses who call for it are the poorest of the poor, the relatives of millions of emigrants scattered broadcast throughout the Empire.

DETAILS are now to hand as to the returns for Greenock, where Sir Thomas Sutherland, the late Liberal-Unionist member, was declared to have been defeated by a majority of 44, whereupon his supporters demanded a scrutiny. In one of the wards where the register contained the names of 840 electors 873 votes were recorded, and when both candidates' figures are added the total is really 200 above the actual votes polled. It is clear, therefore, that either the counting was very faulty, or that personation on a large scale was practised. "Poll early and often." The leaders of both parties (says the Press Association) are now quite agreed that a serious mistake occurred in connection with the counting of votes, and that 200 have been counted twice. Mr. Bruce, the Liberal candidate, only obtained a majority of 44, which was reversed by the scrutiny.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. Philip Albert Myburgh, Q.C., which took place on the 4th inst. at his residence, Queen's Gate Gardens, after only a few days' illness, and as the result of an operation. Mr. Myburgh was the fifth son of Mr. F. G. Myburgh, of the Cape of Good Hope Civil Service, and was born in 1845. He was educated at the London University, where he took his B.A. degree. He was called to the Bar at the Bar at the end of November, 1863; he joined the Northern Circuit just shortly after, and then early in the sixties he went to Shanghai, where Sir Harry Parkes was Consul, and at once made a mark by his ability and personal bearing. Always courteous and pleasant, he was as popular as he was successful; and his departure was generally regretted when, after something less than ten years, he decided to return to England for the English bar. It was doubtless his experience in Shanghai which led him to devote himself chiefly to Admiralty practice. The position he so quickly gained in this larger field of competition is strong testimony to his ability. Scarcely less so was the fact that he seemed able to absent himself from the Courts for a period, when he chose, and to fall back at once into practice when he again took up work. He "looked silk" in 1882, and was a member of the Inner Temple. His death, at the early age of fifty-two, will be regretted by a very large circle of friends, both at Home and in the Far East.

If the many losses sustained of late by more than one bank in the East afford any criterion (says the *Ceylon Observer*), it is very evident that the exercise of that due watchfulness over the credit (as well as the solvency and deposits) of the banks which is a banker's first duty, is not so fully exercised as could be wished. The most recent fraud in Bombay, by which C. M. B. is now dancing merrily to the tune of a loss of a good round sum, in thousands of pounds, Caution on the part of the bank's management ought surely to have obviated it. The firm of Boyta, Craig & Co. was but the growth of yesterday, and of no particular mercantile standing. The principal Mr. Boyta, for whom the sympathy must be felt by all who knew him, is a gentleman of the good old school, who plodded along as a clerk in a Scotchman, the grandson of a defunct Bombay tradesman, who, possessing a soul much above leather, after a brief career on his own account joined Mr. Boyta. Now began a course of dash and glitter. To end in what? A worthy old gentleman slipped through the recklessness, if nothing worse, of his son and of his partner; and shareholders obliged to look on while the dividend was being paid, and the bank was becoming appreciably less! But the bank manager, how as a rule (7) bank manager, is taken "brass" for a more precious metal. I fear that most of our Eastern banks will look after, and the directors at home shaken somewhat out of that *dolce far niente* into which they apparently seem to have apathetically sunk.

An exciting fight between a bull mastiff and a snake about ten feet five inches long, apparently of the *Python* species, was witnessed on one morning by a number of persons residing in a house in Entally, Madras. The gentleman in whose house the occurrence took place keeps a large poultry-yard, and the snake, intending, no doubt, to make a meal of one of the fowls or ducks, was stealthily crawling into the yard, when the birds, scenting an enemy, began to crow and cackle and flutter about in their alarm.

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THE Singapore Masters' and Mates' Association held its half-yearly general meeting on the 10th inst. The report of the Committee states that "the Association has added its voice to the movement for the suppression of Sunday Labour in Harbour; it has brought the Members of the profession more together and discussed many matters of importance; it has secured a Legal Adviser, available for the Counsel or Defence of Members; it has opened negotiations with Hongkong, Penang, Shanghai and Australia, with a view to federation; and it has established a Room in the Marine Club where Mercantile Officers can meet and transact business." The President, Capt. C. O. Madge; the Vice-President, Capt. J. Craig; and the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. Walter MacKechnie, were re-elected.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL Wrenham has issued another advertisement for bids, under the act of March 3rd, 1891, which provides for increased ocean mail service between the United States and all foreign countries, with the view to the increase of commerce. It is known that several steamship companies which did not bid for the service under the first advertisement are ready to do so under this one. The bids are asked for all the routes for which contracts were not let under the first advertisement, including those from New York to Liverpool, New York to Southampton, New York to Antwerp, New York to Buenos Ayres, New York to Rio, from Newport News to Rio, from New York to Tampa, New York to Havana, from New York to Santiago, Cuba, from San Francisco to Colon. This is an extensive addition to the existing mail arrangements.

That curious people, the Alea or aborigines of the Philippines, described by Gronow as more resembling monkeys than human beings, are now estimated to number only 20,000. They are reported to be of a savage and ferocious character, and averse to the civilisation of their aggressors, the Malays. Their religion consists of Nature and ancestor worship, and their marriage institutions appear to be still in the stage of marriage founded on capture. Mr. Eldon Best's account of it is that on selecting a woman the suitor gives notice to her parents, and a day is appointed on which the woman is sent into the forest with her bride price. If the suitor finds and returns with her to the camp before sunset the couple are considered legally married according to Alea views. If on the other hand, the lady has any objection to the would-be husband, she conceals herself effectually in the jungle, the suitor then forfeits all right to her.

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THE *Pingang Gazette* publishes the following news, extracted from the answers to some papers set at a recent local examination:—

"Education is the main pipe that leads to the honour of this world."

"The study of mathematics will form the mind of those whose brains are incapable of retaining anything serious."

"The uneducated man will knock about the streets like a loafer."

"Civilisation, I may say, has penetrated to the very marrow of the Europeans, and had it not been for these blessed souls we will be born as barbarians, lived a barbarian and died a barbarian."

"A boy that is gratified in his wishes by his father and mother will turn a street-boy, will be a drunkard, a vagabond, and at last a murderer."

"We know where he will go, crawling and swearing his parents, his day of birth and his youthful days will lie hanging by the rope that had lashed his soul into an eternity, whether hell or heaven is not mine to say."

"Well you account for your lost son's soul, but you fathers and mothers! You will not save your children."

"Boys means an inhabitant of the continent of Africa." "Hawes" is coffee-milk. "Horse" (7 horses) "one who horse a horse."

"Yolk" "people of forgotten ages." "Swallow" "to send to the belly by one's self without biting."

"Saitre" "dress." "Gentle" "filled with gentleness." "Congestion of the brain" "the speaking nonsense of a man who is sick or insane." "Now, 'Hawes,' they have found you out."

THE *Empress of China* was docked for scraping and painting at Kowloon to-day.

We note that the Chinese transport *Smith*, after being laid up and fooled around with by the Kiangnan Arsenal novices for some months, is again bounding over the trackless deep. She was in Tamsui on the 7th inst. when the *Hallowing* sailed for Hongkong, via ports of call.

In connection with the youthful vigor, observes the *London Times*, with which Mr. Gladstone is throwing himself into the electoral campaign, Mr. Smalley has been recalling, Sir Andrew Clarke's testimonial to the constitution of his eminent patient. "There is," said Sir Andrew, "no medical reason why Mr. Glad

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Mrs. Bettie Taylor Dandridge of Winchester, Va., is the daughter of President Zachary Taylor, and during his Presidency she was the lady of the White House. She was then the wife of Colonel Bliss, U.S.A., after whose death she married Philip Dandridge, whom she survives. Mrs. Dandridge and Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson, widow of Henry Johnson of Baltimore, are the only survivors of the long line of distinguished women who preceded over the White House previous to Grant's term.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It is said that in India the native barber will shave you then asleep without waking you, so light is his touch.

The yearly consumption of milk at the Hotel Metropole, London, is 75,000 quarts, and of water 20,000,000 gallons.

A fine has recently been imposed upon an English woman who permitted her two dogs to draw her baby-carriage on a public highway.

In the Old Testament, although great numbers of women are mentioned, there is but one—Sarah, Abraham's wife—whose age is recorded.

Siberia is one of the finest undeveloped countries in the world, and it is really difficult to exaggerate the enormous wealth of this gigantic region.

The Legislative Assembly of Styria, in Austria, has passed a law forbidding poor people to marry without a special license from the authorities.

A man living in New England who is 5 feet 7 inches in height has a beard 3 feet 3 inches in length, or 8 inches longer than himself. The beard began to grow 12 years ago. [This pitiful Inspector Bremner in the shade altogether.]

In the case of a humming-bird the sound is caused by the beating of the wings against the air. The hum or buzz of insects is produced by the under part of their hind wings, scraping against the edges of their hind legs, which are edged like a saw.

An old Indian chief, La Pter, has in his possession a remarkable souvenir. It is a tassel of human hair, 50 feet long, and of variegated colors. A priest at one of the Indian missions says that it was made from the hair of wives and daughters of pioneers.

The people of no race have such persistent and deep-rooted carelessness in regard to human life as the Chinese. They are not only capable of committing suicide to spite an enemy, but they neglect the simplest precautions for preserving themselves from death.

Between the ages of 30 and 40 prisoners die of consumption much more rapidly than formerly. The reason for this is that the confinement to the confinement to the previous lives of the convicts is not clear. Few criminals of any kind live to be old men.

A fowl's gizzard, where so many lost articles turn up, is a curious trap as well as a necessary vital organ of the fowl. Diamonds, pearls, coin, buttons, ticks, orange peel and about everything else save dynamite, have been found in the gizzard of fowls.

Mrs. Jacob Kitchner, of Fort Dodge, Ia., is suing for a divorce on the ground that her husband would not let her kiss him and had killed her pet cat. Mr. Kitchner alleged in reply that his wife was accustomed to kiss her cats, and had already killed several to death.

The idea of a canal along the present route of the great Suess was considered practicable, and excavations were actually commenced upward of 200 years ago, and in the time of the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus, 273 years before Christ, the union of the two seas was perfected.

A society has been formed in London under the title of the Witnesses' Protection Society. The objects of the association are to protect witnesses from insults by counsel, to put the matter of contempt of court into the hands of a jury and to raise a fund to indemnify contumacious witnesses from pecuniary loss.

Philip Bullion, an old and impetuous soldier, has been for more than two years in jail for debt in Ely, and the debt for which he is imprisoned originated in a store bill contracted by his wife, to pay which he borrowed money and gave his note. He is sentenced to remain in prison until the debt is paid.

There comes from Sweden news of the construction of a locomotive steamboat. It was built for use on a chain of small lakes in Sweden which are separated by waterfalls, and to get around these the steamboat has been fitted with wheels like those of a locomotive, and on leaving the wheels run smoothly along on the land on special tracks.

In Russian industrial establishments the difference in the working hours is something extraordinary, varying from six to 20. It is remarkable that these great divergences occur in the same branches of industry within the same inspector's district, and among establishments whose products realize the same market prices.

Aunt Hattie Stunt of Harrington, Me., now 86 years of age is the daughter of David Brown, who was three times married and was the father of 25 children. The last four of this interesting family were born at one birth and were named Europe, Asia, Africa and America respectively. The quartet died in infancy and Aunt Hattie is the sole survivor of the 25.

An employe of Barnum and Bailey's circus stole a cage of lions the other day. While the circus was at York, Pa., he drove the cage aboard a train and fled West with it. He was a circus in Nebraska. A Chicago detective gopped him there and sent the lions, which were nearly starved, back to their owners. The value of the cage was \$3500.

The constant recourse of modern dramatists to-day to the French stage makes noteworthy the reminder that as recently as 1859 there was only one theatre open in Paris, the Hotel de Bourgogne at which Corneille was first employed. His great play, "Le Cid" was an adaptation from the Spanish, and gave rise to the proverb, "As beautiful as 'Le Cid'."

A large electric locomotive is now being built at Bern, Switzerland. It will be fitted with dynamo of a total of 1,500 horse-power, which power will be transmitted to eight electric motors arranged on the four number of axles. It is said that this locomotive will attain a higher speed than steam locomotives. Trials of its capabilities will be made this summer.

An "eccentric" traveler at Kansas City recently became suddenly deaf and blind. Surgeons examined him carefully, and decided that a clot of blood had formed on the brain. The clot was located, the man prepared for an operation, and a trepanning performed. As soon as a small button of the skull was removed,

Mr. Gillet's senses returned to him one by one, leaving him as well as ever.

An account of a tree-climbing pig comes from Australia. For a number of years wild pigs have been very numerous in Queensland, and the theory is that the common pig has been changed, partly by necessities of his wild life, into the variety discovered. The fore feet are furnished with hook-like claws, but the hind ones with only two hooks upon each hoof. The tail is thick, about a foot long, and curled like the figure 8.

Quill pens are still much in use in Great Britain. A tradition exists in the law courts there that no document would be strictly legal if written with any pen other than a quill. A similar tradition used to obtain in parts of New England, and it is notable that Governor Russell of Massachusetts follows the precedent of his predecessors and signs all legislative bills with a new quill pen—used once for that purpose and never again.

Primitive man originally subsisted on a diet consisting purely of fruits and roots; but he soon became omnivorous, from necessity, and his stomach readily adapted itself to every kind of food. If the Darwinian theory be accepted, and the descent of man from Simian ancestors be granted, we have further argument in support of the fact that flesh eating was the outcome of civilization and climatic necessity rather than of natural craving.

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STATION.	Time	Temp.	Humidity	Wind	Force	Clouds	Barom.	State of sky	Remarks
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Amoy	4.00	80.0	85	SE	1	0	3		

